



WHARFEDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1940.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Report for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circulars 2067 and 2314, the Report is much curtailed.

## STATISTICS &amp; SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	39,379
Registrar General's Estimate of Population for 1940	5,831
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) according to Rate Books	1,673
Rateable Value	£72,004
Sum represented by a penny rate	£300

SOCIAL CONDITIONS. It is not considered advisable to give any detailed description. Practically all the able-bodied residents, male and female, are employed in some form of useful work, and in my opinion there is no evidence of malnutrition either in the adult or child population.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>For Infantile Mortality.</u>		<u>For Birth Rate.</u>		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Total	41	40	40	39	Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population 13. 54.
Legitimate	40	39	39	38	
Illegitimate	1	1	1	1	

STILL BIRTHS.

Total	7	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births 91.95.
Legitimate	6	1	
Illegitimate	1	-	

## DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

	Males. Females		Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 12. 34.
Total	0	1	
Legitimate	0	1	
Illegitimate	0	0	

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# DEATHS.

Total. Males. Females.

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Death Rate per 1,000  
estimated population  
9.60.

Deaths from Puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar General's Short List) :-

No. 29. Puerperal Sepsis 0 Rate per 1,000 total  
(live & still) births  
Nil.

No. 30. Other Puerperal  
Causes 0 Nil.

Total 0 Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 7

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 0

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) 0

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years  
of age) 0

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year, and no evidence that nutritional deficiency has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults.

# HOUSING.

Ten new houses have been completed and occupied during the year.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1940.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	5	5	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	-
Measles	74	6	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-

	AGE GROUPS.					
	1 2	2 5	5 15	15 25	25 45	45 65
Scarlet Fever	-	-	3	1	1	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	2	-
Measles	6	5	60	2	1	-
Whooping Cough	-	2	-	-	-	-



# TUBERCULOSIS.

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1940.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
2 - 5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 - 45	-	3	-	-	1	2	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

The Sanitary Inspector is appending a brief report. Notwithstanding the heavy claims made upon all your Officers by the emergency duties connected with the prosecution of the War, public health adminstration has been steadily carried on. I wish to record my sincere thanks for the help I have so readily received from the Chairman and Members of the Council, the Clerk and other Members of his Staff, and from the Sanitary Inspector, who has put in so much time, day and night, in connection with the Ambulance Services.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. WOLFE. M.D.,B.S.,D.P.H.,

September, 1941.





WHARFEDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Rural Council Offices,  
Boroughgate,  
Otley.  
September, 1941.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

As stated at the end of the Medical Officer's Annual Report, I herewith append an abbreviated Report on the work in my Department during the year ended 31st December, 1940.

This is the Fifteenth Annual Report I have had the honour of presenting to you, and my second during the War.

As you are all aware, my duties during the War period have been many and varied because of the National Emergency, and have been carried out at all hours of the day and night; but notwithstanding this, I have carried out certainly the greater part of my Public Health work, and I think I can say that, generally, sanitary conditions have been very satisfactory.

The year commenced with 9 outstanding nuisances and these, together with a further 167 have been remedied during the year. At the close of 1940 there were 4 nuisances still requiring attention.

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FACTORIES ACT, 1937.  
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All Factories have been inspected regularly, and apart from Notice from the Factory Inspector of inadequate sanitary arrangements at Carlton, everything has been satisfactory.

The nuisance at Carlton was only temporary, and was quickly remedied by the provision of new conveniences.

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SLAUGHTERHOUSES.  
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The number of Slaughterhouses in the area remains unchanged and they are situate as follows:-

Bramhope	1
Pool	1
Langbar	2
Norwood	1

All were licenced for the year under review, but during the major portion of the period, have not been used owing to Government restrictions.

Owing to these restrictions the number of animals slaughtered in the area has considerably decreased, although several pigs have been killed on farms for home consumption.

The following table shews the number of animals slaughtered and inspected:-

	Slaughtered.	Inspected.
Pigs	61	56
Beasts	7	7
Sheep	19	19

It has not been necessary to destroy or seize any unsound meat.





## WATER SUPPLIES ETC.

Nine samples of water have been taken for bacteriological examination and two for chemical examination. The reports thereon are as follows:-

### BACTERIOLOGICAL.

	Number.	Result.
Pool Bank	1	Satisfactory.
Timble	1	"
Clifton	3	"
Denton	1	"
Pool Village	1	"
Bramhope	1	Not satisfactory.
Denton	1	"

### CHEMICAL.

Pool	1	Satisfactory.
Timble	1	"

At Denton the supply is now satisfactory - certain repairs to the Well having been successfully carried out - and at Bramhope the unsatisfactory supply has been cut off and a service laid on from the Leeds main.

During the year new water mains have been laid to serve the Village of Timble and improvements have also been carried out at the Storage Tanks and Collecting Chambers.

Each service pipe has been provided with a stop cock, and it is not now necessary to turn the water off at the main whenever a burst occurs. On several occasions in the past, these bursts have resulted in the storage tanks being emptied.

The following lengths of pipe have been laid during the year:-

Bramhope	300 yards	1" iron pipe.
Timble Great	1,440 yards	3" iron pipe.

### SEWERAGE ETC.

In order to deal with the increasing flow of sewage, additions and alterations have been carried out at the Pool Sewageworks, and conditions are at present fairly satisfactory.

The scheme for the sewerage of Askwith, to which reference was made in my last report, was completed during the year and the drains from several of the properties were connected to the system in November and December - the remaining properties having been connected during 1941.

The Works are very efficient and require little attention, and only one day a week is set aside by the Council's workman for clearing away the sludge.

The following lengths of pipes have been laid during the year:-

Pool Bank	350 yards	4" cast iron and Earthenware pipes.
Askwith	1,341 yards	9" earthenware pipes.
	201 yards	6" earthenware pipes.
	25 yards	9" spun iron pipes.



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## MILK & DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

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During the year I have made 221 inspections of Farm premises, and in view of the large amount of extra work which has been placed upon the farmers, the condition of the farms was very gratifying.

The number of "Accredited" milk licences issued has increased from 51 to 55, but the number of "Tuberculin Tested" Licences is the same as last year, viz. 2.

In response to the Government appeal for more milk, several Farms which were previously used for cattle rearing have been registered for milk production, and I feel that the Farmers in Wharfedale are really doing everything they can to help the Country.

During the year 112 samples of milk have been taken, 88 of which were satisfactory and 24 not satisfactory.

In spite of War conditions and the difficulty in obtaining materials, repairs to mistalls have been carried out at the following farms:-

1. Quarry Farm, Pool Bank.
2. Sand Hill Farm, Low Snowden.
3. Old Hall Farm, Snowden.
4. Watson House Farm, Norwood.
5. Brick House Farm, Askwith.
6. Bents Farm, Fewston.
7. Low Banks Farm, Stainburn.
8. Lindley Farm, Lindley.
9. Holt Farm, Arthington.
10. Pool Farm, Pool.

## AMBULANCE SERVICES.

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In July a Rolls Royce Ambulance was presented to the Council by Messrs. B.S. & W. Whiteley Ltd.

The Ambulance is for use by all Wharfedale residents and an arrangement has been made whereby the Otley Council can also use the vehicle if their own Ambulance is not available.

Up to the end of 1940, 12 journeys had been made and the total distance travelled was 295 miles.

## INSPECTIONS.

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Slaughterhouse Inspections	19
Farm Inspections	221
Drain and Sewer Inspections	379
Factory Inspections	28
Inspections - Public Health	301
Inspections - Housing	121
Houses disinfected	8
Schools disinfected	Nil





# NUISANCES ABATED.

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Privies abolished .. .. .	2
Privies repaired .. .. .	1
New privies provided .. .. .	5
Additional W.C's. provided to existing property ..	3
W.C's. provided to new property .. .. .	10
Dustbins provided to new property .. .. .	10
W.C's. etc. repaired .. .. .	8
Urinals repaired .. .. .	1
Obstructions removed from sewers .. .. .	12
Defective drains relaid or new drains provided ..	13
Obstructions removed from drains .. .. .	4
Septic Tanks provided to treat sewage effluent ..	1
Additional inspection covers provided on Sewers ..	3
New inspection covers provided in lieu of broken or defective ones . .. .	1
Inspection chambers repaired .. .. .	1
Nuisances caused by discharge of sewage onto land ..	3
Nuisances caused by pollution of streams with sewage	4
New filtration drains provided to treat sewage effluent	5
Sewage works repaired, extended or cleaned .. ..	3
New Sewage works provided .. .. .	1
Refuse Tip nuisances .. .. .	2
Nuisances caused by deposit on land of slaughterhouse offal .. .. .	1
Houses provided with fresh supply of water as a result of existing supply being inadequate or polluted ..	2
Water Wells repaired .. .. .	1
Defective, obstructed or burst water mains & services repaired .. .. .	17
Water Pumps repaired .. .. .	1
Stand pipe taps repaired .. .. .	1
Water well covers raised to prevent pollution ..	7
Water storage tanks cleaned and repaired .. ..	2
Soil pipes repaired .. .. .	1
Defective and dangerous chimney stacks repaired ..	2
Sink gullies repaired .. .. .	3
Defective sinks repaired or renewed .. .. .	6
Sink waste pipes repaired .. .. .	4
Defective cooking ranges and firegrates repaired or renewed .. .. .	8
House or bedroom floors repaired or relaid .. ..	9
Houses provided with additional light & ventilation	8
Houses provided with new doors .. .. .	5
External house walls repointed or repaired .. ..	8
Internal house walls replastered or repaired ..	3
House or bedroom ceilings replastered or repaired ..	2
House roof repaired .. .. .	3
House paths and yards resurfaced or repaired ..	2
House stairs repaired or renewed .. .. .	1
House windows repaired .. .. .	5
Weekend dwellings removed .. .. .	1

## NOTICES SERVED.

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### Public Health Act, 1936.

Section 93	4
Preliminary Notices and letters.	44

### Factories Act, 1937.

Section 34	1
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Housing Act, 1936.

Section 9	7
Preliminary Notices and letters	19

Milk & Dairies Order, 1926.

Preliminary Notices re limewashing	259
Letters etc.	5

Rats & Mice Destruction Act, 1919.

Notices under Section 1	259
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During the year urgent appeals have been made to the Farmers and other residents to hand over scrap metal and other salvage and the result has been fairly satisfactory.

A considerable amount of time has been given by my department to the work of civil defence, and I feel that, in the unfortunate event of a raid, our volunteers will put up a creditable show.

The year has been a difficult one and much valuable work has been done both in connection with the normal public health services and the Emergency.

I have received the usual help and co-operation from the Chairman and Members of the Council, our Clerk (Mr. Wade), Assistant Clerk (Mr. Light) and Dr. Wolfe (our Medical Officer of Health) and I offer them my sincere thanks.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. ASHWORTH Cert.R.S.I.,M.S.I.A.,

